GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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REDUCTION OF FEES IN MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that Uttaranchal has been accorded the status of a special category State in view of its backwardness;

(b) if so, whether the Government is likely to take any concrete steps to reduce the fees of medical institutions located in the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): In a judgment dated 14.8.2003 in the case of Islamic Academy of Education, the Hon`ble Supreme Court has clarified that each institution shall have the freedom to fix its own fee structure. However, no institution shall charge capitation fee or indulge in profiteering. Further, the Hon`ble Court has directed that each State Government shall set up a Committee under the Chairmanship of a retired High Court Judge to decide whether the fee proposed by the institute is justified and does not amount to profiteering or charging of capitation fee. The said Committee may approve the fee structure proposed by the institute or may propose some other fee which shall be binding on the institute for a period of three years.

As per the Uttaranchal Government, the State Government has set up a Committee headed by a retired High Court Judge as per the said direction of the Hon`ble Supreme Court for monitoring the fee structure in private un-aided medical colleges.